

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 571

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BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/\$89 Billion Medicare Bankruptcy Plan

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . H.R. 2491. Domenici motion to table the Rockefeller motion to instruct Senate conferees.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 51-46

SYNOPSIS: As passed, H.R. 2491, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

The House message to accompany H.R. 2491, the Balanced Budget Act of 1995, states that the House disagrees with the Senate substitute amendment to the bill and requests a conference with the Senate.

The Hatfield motion, as passed, instructs the Senate to insist on its amendment and agree to the House request for a conference.

The Rockefeller motion to instruct would direct Senate conferees "not to agree to any reductions in Medicare beyond the \$89 billion needed to maintain the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund through the year 2006, and to reduce tax breaks for upper-income taxpayers and corporations by the amount necessary to ensure deficit neutrality." (The \$89 billion reduction would actually be a reduction in the rate of increase in Medicare spending. This "reduction" would demand \$530 billion more in Medicare spending over the next 7 years than is currently spent. The Senate-passed bill, in contrast, will provide for "only" a \$349 billion increase in Medicare spending, which is \$181 billion less than demanded by the Rockefeller motion. The intention of the Rockefeller motion is to reduce the tax relief in the Senate-passed bill for the "rich" to pay for the extra Medicare spending. More than 90 percent of that tax relief in fiscal year 1996 will go to "rich" families with annual incomes of less than \$100,000. The arguments on this motion were no different than they were when the Senate rejected an earlier Rockefeller amendment (see vote No. 499).

NOTE: By unanimous consent, 4 motions to instruct conferees were in order after the Senate agreed to a conference and before it appointed conferees (see vote Nos. 571-573).

For debate, see vote No. 499.

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YEAS (51)			NAYS (46)			NOT VOTING (2)	
Republicans (50 or 98%)	Democrats (1 or 2%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (45 or 98%)		Republicans (2)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Helms	Nunn	Specter	Akaka	Hollings	Gramm- ²	
Ashcroft	Hutchison			Baucus	Inouye	Lugar- ²	
Bennett	Inhofe			Biden	Johnston		
Bond	Jeffords			Bingaman	Kennedy		
Brown	Kassebaum			Boxer	Kerrey		
Burns	Kempthorne			Bradley	Kerry		
Campbell	Kyl			Breaux	Kohl		
Chafee	Lott			Bryan	Lautenberg		
Coats	Mack			Bumpers	Leahy		
Cochran	McCain			Byrd	Levin		
Cohen	McConnell			Conrad	Lieberman		
Coverdell	Murkowski			Daschle	Mikulski		
Craig	Nickles			Dodd	Moseley-Braun		
D'Amato	Pressler			Dorgan	Moynihan		
DeWine	Roth			Exon	Murray		
Dole	Santorum			Feingold	Pell		
Domenici	Shelby			Feinstein	Pryor		
Faircloth	Simpson			Ford	Reid		
Frist	Smith			Glenn	Robb		
Gorton	Snowe			Graham	Rockefeller		
Grams	Stevens			Harkin	Sarbanes		
Grassley	Thomas			Heflin	Simon		
Gregg	Thompson				Wellstone		
Hatch	Thurmond						
Hatfield	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay